GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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HOME GUARDS
CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Home Guards personnel in Delhi whose services were terminated since 1.1.1995 till date;

(b) the reasons for termination;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to reinstate them alongwith the number of those reinstated so far;

(d) the reasons for not reinstating them;

(e) the number of Home Guards personnel who committed suicide for not reinstating them inspite of the request made by them;

(f) the compensation paid to the families of the deceased;

(g) whether the Government have received Memorandum from welfare association in this regard;

(h) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(i) the time by which the Home Guards personnel whose services were terminated are likely to be reinstated?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): The Home Guards is a voluntary organization and its members are not government servants.Under the provisions contained in the Bombay Home Guards Act, 1947, as extended to the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the tenure allowed to a Home Guard is three years on the expiry of which period he is liable to the discharged. Since 1st January, 1995, 17,505 Home Guard volunteers in Delhi were discharged to ensure that the voluntary character of the organization is maintained.

(e): No instance of a discharged member of the Delhi Home Guards having committed suicide on the ground of his not being reinstated has come to the notice of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(f): Does not arise.

(g) to (i): Yes, Sir. The issues raised mainly relate to regularization of the services of the Home Guards and payment of salary and pension to them. However, there is no force in such demands as their acceptance would alter the basic voluntary character of the organization.